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Melanogenesis**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page 17, please delete the paragraph at lines 1-3 and replace it with the following paragraph:

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Figure 18 is a graphic representation providing measurements of tyrosinase activity of extract from melan-a melanocytes incubated with U18666A. Control cells received no drug treatment, and test cells were treated with 300  $\mu$ M PTU, 10  $\mu$ M IBMX, or 2.5  $\mu$ M U18666A.